

**SENATOR CARSTENS:** No, this is not a constitutional amendment.

**SENATOR KEYES:** What is it then?

**SENATOR CARSTENS:** This, we passed a constitutional amendment last session, I mean last election. The voters adopted--the voters of this State adopted a constitutional amendment by a, an overwhelming vote demonstrating their desire that the judicial nominating commission be changed, the makeup of the judicial nominating commission be changed. This constitutional amendment was on the last elective ballot and has been adopted. I then, for the Legislature, introduced 110 to put into operation the provisions of the already adopted constitutional amendment. Now this is not my bill and this is not my personal thing. This is not from my district. This is not for any group or any special interest group. This is a constitutional amendment which was adopted by the voters of this State. There has been long dissatisfaction over the judicial nominating commission, --the judicial nominating commission, the makeup. Now I am trying to correct the dissatisfaction by LB 110 and I do believe that we ought to adopt--I mean we ought to pass 110. I'll be glad to make the necessary motion. I, I was a little bit in a quandry about how to--the procedure to follow. I will be glad to follow and ask for a suspension of the rules.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Richendifer.

**SENATOR RICHENDIFER:** Mr. Speaker and Members of the Legislature. In keeping with this same thought, we owe a past bill to the newspapers in the State of Nebraska. There's an A bill up there, I can't tell you the number of it right now but this was advertising that was done the last general election. Now if this bill isn't passed, these people will have to wait another year to get paid for services that they performed last November. Now I'm not sure how we should handle this but I do think that, that bills that are owed by this body should be paid. If the bill for the judicial nominating commission is owed, we should pay it. I'm, I would go along with the fact that any A bills that would require additional spending, future funding, could be left where they are but if we do owe a bill, we should be obligated to pay it and shouldn't make these newspapers wait for another year for their advertising money. This is going to be very difficult for many of them.

**SPEAKER:** Senator Cavanaugh:

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** Well Mr. President, I don't know whether you can answer the question or Senator Duis can answer the question but I don't see--could you explain to me why both bi--both the A bill and the base bill are both bracketed?

**SPEAKER:** Senator Duis.

**SENATOR DUIS:** Senator Cavanaugh, on page 25, Rule 5, subsection g, if you'll go down there quite a ways, it says, all bills for which an A bill is prepared shall be bracketed on final reading until the A bill is advanced to final reading. The authorization bill shall first be considered and if it should be passed on final reading, then the A bill shall be read and voted on for final passage.

**SENATOR CAVANAUGH:** But that, that wouldn't prohibit us--